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**ANNUAL REPORT**  
**of the**  
**Medical Officer of Health**  
**for the Year 1956**

*Medical Officer of Health :*

James Menzies Cormack, M.B., CH.B., D.P.H., D.P.A.

*Districts :*

Sodbury Rural District

Kingswood Urban District

Warmley Rural District

Mangotsfield Urban District





## SODBURY RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

### *Composition of District*

*Parishes of* Acton Turville, Alderley Badminton, Cold Ashton, Dodington, Doynton, Dyrham & Hinton, Frampton, Cotterell, Filton, Horton, Hawkesbury, Iron Acton, Little Sodbury, Marshfield, Pucklechurch, Sodbury, Stoke Gifford, Tormarton, Westerleigh, Wick & Abson, Wickwar, Winterbourne, Yate.

### *Chairman of the Public Health Committee*

Councillor H. W. THOMPSON

## WARMLEY RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

### *Composition of District*

*Parishes of* Bitton, Hanham Abbots, Mangotsfield Rural, Oldland, Siston.

### *Chairman of the Public Health Committee*

Dr. R. W. ORTON

## KINGSWOOD URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

### *Composition of District*

*Wards* North, South, East, West, Mount Hill.

### *Chairman of the Public Health Committee*

Councillor Mrs. E. A. GRIFFITHS

## MANGOTSFIELD URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

### *Composition of District*

*Wards* Downend, Soundwell, Mangotsfield.

### *Chairman of the Public Health Committee*

Councillor H. G. T. HARRIS

## PUBLIC HEALTH STAFF

### *Medical Officer of Health*

JAMES MENZIES CORMACK, M.B., CH.B., D.P.H., D.P.A.

The Medical Officer's Duties are divided into two parts, 50% of each, one part comprising duties as District Medical Officer of Health to the four Districts named below, and for the other part he acts as Medical Officer to the Southern Area Sub-Committee of the Gloucestershire County Council Health Committee.

### SODBURY RURAL DISTRICT

*Public Health Inspectors* J. H. E. Steele,  
(Chief Public Health Inspector)  
G. Fry, M.S.I.A.  
(Senior Public Health Inspector)  
D. F. Hughes, M.S.I.A.  
R. M. Davies, M.S.I.A., M.R.S.I.  
*Clerical* W. Lane  
E. S. Pritchard, (Miss)  
*Rodent Inspector/Operator* G. W. Dean (until Aug. 1956)  
J. R. Venables (from Oct. 1956)

### WARMLEY RURAL DISTRICT

*Public Health Inspector* L. J. Prosser, L.I.O.B., M.R.S.I., M.S.I.A.  
*Clerical* M. Sims (Miss)

### KINGSWOOD URBAN DISTRICT

*Public Health Inspector* G. E. CURTIS, F.S.I.A., M.R.S.I.  
(Certified Meat and Foods Inspector)  
Senior Health Inspector  
*Assistant Public Health Inspector.*  
N. H. Peel  
*Pupil Public Health Inspector*  
J. Gray  
*Clerical* K. Richards (Miss) commenced 16.4 56

### MANGOTSFIELD URBAN DISTRICT

*Public Health Inspector* H. J. Bryant, M.R.S.I., M.S.I.A.  
(Certified Meat and Foods Inspector)  
*Clerical* P. Wall (Miss)

Divisional Health Office,  
High Street,  
Kingswood, Bristol.  
September, 1957.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

The Registrar General's figures show there has been an increase in population in all areas, the total for the four districts being now 93,720.

During the first two months of 1956, the general sickness figures were again high, but this was not due to any particular type of illness.

Progress has been proceeding slowly on slum clearance by the four councils. A number of areas have been confirmed without an appeal, but in other cases an enquiry has been arranged. A number of houses have also been dealt with as individual houses, and in all of these the Council has assumed its moral responsibility of rehousing tenants of unfit houses.

The responsibility for medical control of crews arriving direct at Filton Aerodrome has been under review and during the year arrangements have been completed for responsibility for medical control to be accepted by Sodbury Rural District Council, under Public Health (Aircraft) Regulations 1952.

The Sanitary Inspectors (Change of Designation) Act, 1956 provides that in future sanitary inspectors shall be designated Public Health Inspectors.

I am,

Your obedient Servant

J. MENZIES CORMACK.

*Medical Officer of Health.*

To the Chairman and Members of the  
Sodbury Rural District Council,  
the Warmley Rural District Council,  
the Kingswood Urban District Council,  
and the Mangotsfield Urban District Council.

# SOCIAL CONDITIONS AND GENERAL STATISTICS

	Sodbury R.D.	Warmley R.D.	Kingswood R.D.	Mangotsfield R.D.
AREA OF DISTRICT (acres)	68,557	8,845	1,530	1,553
POPULATION (Registrar General's mid-year estimate)	40,320	12,870	20,270	20,260
NUMBER OF INHABITED HOUSES (December Rate Books)	11,692	4,211	6,358	6,352
ESTIMATED NUMBER OF VOID HOUSES (31st December)	311	45	50	12
RATEABLE VALUE 31/12/56	£452,359	£121,770	£223,525	£246,210
SUM REPRESENTED BY A PENNY RATE (Year 1955/56)	£1,704	£475	£860	£960

	Sodbury R.D.	Warmley R.D.	Kingswood U.D.	Mangotsfield U.D.	England & Wales
RATES PER 1000 HOME POPULATION					
Live Births	17.2	17.3	18.2	17.2	15.6
Deaths	10.8	11.2	12.7	11.3	11.7
POPULATION - MID. 1956.	40,320	12,870	20,270	20,260	44,667,000



TABLE SHOWING INCIDENCE OF  
NOTIFIABLE INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

	Sodbury Rural District	Warmley Rural District	Kingswood Urban District	Mangotsfield Urban District	Totals
TYPHOID FEVER	—	—	—	—	—
PARATYPHOID	—	—	—	—	—
MENINGOCOCCAL INFECTION	—	—	—	—	—
SCARLET FEVER	20	7	12	9	58
WHOOPING COUGH	33	18	22	52	125
DIPHThERIA	—	—	—	—	—
ERYSIPELAS	7	1	2	1	11
SMALLPOX	—	—	—	—	—
MEASLES	69	10	13	34	126
PNEUMONIA	16	1	9	10	36
ACUTE POLIOMYELITIS (including <i>Polioencephalitis</i> )					
Paralytic	—	—	—	—	—
Non-Paralytic	—	—	—	—	—
FOOD POISONING	1	—	2	—	3
PUERPERAL PYREXIA	12	1	1	3	17
DYSENTERY	6	—	24	—	30
OPHTHALMIA- NEONATORUM	—	—	—	—	—

TABLE SHOWING PRINCIPAL CAUSES OF DEATH 1956

Cause of Death	Total			
	Kingswood U.D.	Mangotsfield U.D.	Warmley R.D.	Sodbury R.D.
1. Tuberculosis, respiratory	—	3	—	—
2. Tuberculosis, other	1	—	—	—
3. Syphilitic disease	—	—	—	1
4. Diphtheria	—	—	—	—
5. Whooping Cough	—	—	—	—
6. Meningo-coccal infections	—	—	—	—
7. Acute Poliomyelitis	—	—	—	—
8. Measles	—	—	—	—
9. Other infective and parasitic diseases	1	1	1	—
10. Malignant neoplasm, stomach	12	3	7	7
11. Malignant neoplasm, lung, bronchus	9	7	6	13
12. Malignant neoplasm, breast	8	3	1	3
13. Malignant neoplasm, uterus	—	4	—	1
14. Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms	13	12	7	18
15. Leukaemia, aleukaemia	1	1	1	2
16. Diabetes	—	1	1	7
17. Vascular lesions of nervous system	37	37	15	52
18. Coronary disease, angina	31	27	18	50
19. Hypertension with heart disease	3	5	6	14
20. Other heart disease	48	36	19	70
21. Other circulatory disease	9	6	4	16
22. Influenza	1	—	3	7
23. Pneumonia	12	16	8	28
24. Bronchitis	7	16	4	12
25. Other diseases of respiratory system	—	3	—	10
26. Ulcer of stomach & duodenum	2	3	2	6
27. Gastritis, enteritis & diarrhoea	1	1	—	2
28. Nephritis and nephrosis	5	1	1	2
29. Hyperplasia of prostate	—	1	—	3
30. Pregnancy, childbirth, abortion	—	—	—	1
31. Congenital malformations	1	1	1	1
32. Other defined and ill-defined diseases	14	16	11	28
33. Motor vehicle accidents	4	4	—	6
34. All other accidents	4	1	4	3
35. Suicide	4	—	1	6
36. Homicide & operations of war	—	—	—	—



ANNUAL RETURN OF  
FOOD POISONING NOTIFICATIONS  
(Corrected 1956)

LOCAL AUTHORITY	Sodbury R.D.	Warmley R.D.	Kingswood U.D.	Mangotsfield U.D.
1st Quarter	—	—	1	1
2nd Quarter	—	—	—	—
3rd Quarter	—	—	—	—
4th Quarter	1	—	1	—
TOTAL IN YEAR	1	—	2	1

OUTBREAKS DUE TO  
IDENTIFIED AGENTS

Total Outbreaks	—	—	—	—
Total Cases	—	—	—	—
(a) Chemical Poisons	—	—	—	—
(b) Salmonella Organisms	—	—	1	—
(c) Staphylococci (including toxin)	—	—	1	—
(d) Cl. botulinum	—	—	—	—
(e) Other bacteria	—	—	—	—

OUTBREAKS OF  
UNDISCOVERED CAUSE

Total Outbreaks	—	—	—	—
Total Cases	—	—	—	—

SINGLE CASES

Agent Identified	—	—	2	—
Unknown Cause	1	—	—	1
TOTAL	1	—	2	1

INCIDENCE OF TUBERCULOSIS  
NEW NOTIFICATIONS IN YEAR 1956

*(excluding transfers)*

RESPIRATORY.

AGE GROUPS	Sodbury R.D.		Warmley R.D.		Kingswood U.D.		Mangotsfield U.D.	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
Under 1 year	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1 - 5 years	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
5 - 15 years	—	—	—	1	1	—	1	—
15 - 25 years	—	3	1	1	2	6	1	6
25 - 35 years	7	5	2	1	4	—	1	2
35 - 45 years	—	—	—	1	—	2	2	1
45 - 55 years	9	2	1	—	4	1	—	—
55 - 65 years	—	—	—	1	2	1	1	—
65 years and over	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
TOTALS	16	10	4	5	13	10	6	10

NON-RESPIRATORY

Under 1 year	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1 - 5 years	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—
5 - 15 years	1	1	—	2	1	—	—	—
15 - 25 years	1	1	—	1	—	—	—	—
25 - 35 years	—	3	—	—	1	—	1	—
35 - 45 years	—	—	—	1	—	—	1	—
45 - 55 years	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2
55 - 65 years	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
65 years and over	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—
TOTALS	2	5	2	4	2	—	2	2

TRANSFERS FROM BRISTOL  
INTO WARMLEY RURAL AREA DURING 1956.  
(Bristol Overspill Population)

	M.	F.	Total
Respiratory	4	9	13
Non-Respiratory	2	2	4

TRANSFERS FROM OTHER DISTRICTS.

Respiratory	2	—	2
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# VACCINATION and DIPHTHERIA IMMUNISATION RETURNS

(summarized from figures supplied by the County Medical Officer of Health)

YEAR 1956.

## VACCINATION

	Sodbury R.D.		Warmley R.D.		Kingswood U.D.		Mangotsfield U.D.	
	Under 5 yrs.	Over 5 yrs.	Under 5 yrs.	Over 5 yrs.	Under 5 yrs.	Over 5 yrs.	Under 5 yrs.	Over 5 yrs.
VACCINATION	261	40	178	26	81	15	22	3
RE-VACCINATION	3	32	—	21	—	—	4	5

## DIPHTHERIA IMMUNISATION

PRIMARY IMMUNISATION								
By COUNTY COUNCIL								
(Clinics, Child Welfare Centres, Schools)	48	67	4	22	38	17	62	21
By General Practitioners	465	20	70	1	181	5	232	7
TOTAL PRIMARY	513	87	74	23	219	22	294	28
MAINTENANCE DOSES								
By County Council	8	628	7	224	2	525	5	540
By General Practitioners	5	134	—	5	5	18	16	22
TOTAL MAINTENANCE DOSES	13	762	7	229	7	543	21	562



# SODBURY R.D.C.

The following table is submitted by the instructions of the Ministry of Labour and National Service as required by Section 128(3) of the Factories Act 1937 Part I & VIII.

(1) Inspections for the purpose of provision as to health (including inspections made by the Public Health Inspector).

Premises	No. of Premises	No. of Inspections	No. of Notices	Prosecuted
(i) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 & 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	35	24	—	—
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	101	74	6	—
(iii) Other Premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding outworkers premises)	—	—	—	—
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>136</b>	<b>98</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>—</b>

## (2) CASES IN WHICH DEFECTS WERE FOUND

Particulars	Number of cases in which defects were found			
	Found	Remedied	Referred To H.M. Inspector	By H.M. Inspector
Want of cleanliness (S.1)	—	—	—	—
Overcrowding (S.2)	—	—	—	—
Unreasonable temperature (S.3)	—	—	—	—
Inadequate ventilation (S.4)	1	1	1	—
Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6)	—	—	—	—
Sanitary Conveniences (S.7)	—	—	—	—
(a) Insufficient	—	—	—	—
(b) Unsuitable or defective	4	4	—	3
(c) Not separate for sexes	1	1	—	—
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to Outwork)	—	—	—	—
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>

## OUTWORK. (Sections 110 and 111)

Nature of Work	No. of out-workers in August list required by Sect. 110 (1) (c)	No. of cases of default in sending lists to the Council	No. of Prosecutions for failure to supply lists	No. of Instances of work in unwholesome premises	Notices served	Prosecutions
Wearing apparel. Making, etc.	30	—	—	—	—	—
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>

# WARMLEY R.D.C.

The following table is submitted by the instructions of the Ministry of Labour and National Service as required by Section 128(3) of the Factories Act 1937 Part I & VIII.

(1) Inspections for the purpose of provision as to health (including inspections made by the Public Health Inspector).

Premises	No. of Premises	No. of Inspections	No. of Notices	Prosecuted
(i) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 & 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	51	16	—	—
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	3	—	—	—
(iii) Other Premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding outworkers premises)	—	—	—	—
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>

## (2) CASES IN WHICH DEFECTS WERE FOUND

Particulars	Number of cases in which defects were found			
	Found	Remedied	Referred To H.M. Inspector	By H.M. Inspector
Want of cleanliness (S.1)	2	2	—	—
Overcrowding (S.2)	—	—	—	—
Unreasonable temperature (S.3)	—	—	—	—
Inadequate ventilation (S.4)	—	—	—	—
Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6)	—	—	—	—
Sanitary Conveniences (S.7)				
(a) Insufficient	1	—	—	1
(b) Unsuitable or defective	2	2	—	—
(c) Not separate for sexes	—	—	—	—
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to Outwork)	—	—	—	—
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>1</b>

## OUTWORK. (Sections 110 and 111)

Nature of Work	No. of out-workers in August list required by Sect. 110 (1) (c)	No. of cases of default in sending lists to the Council	No. of Prosecutions for failure to supply lists	No. of Instances of work in unwholesome premises	Notices served	Prosecutions
Wearing apparel. Making, etc.	2	—	—	—	—	—
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>

# KINGSWOOD U.D.C.

The following table is submitted by the instructions of the Ministry of Labour and National Service as required by Section 128(3) of the Factories Act 1937 Part I & VIII.

(1) Inspections for the purpose of provision as to health (including inspections made by the Public Health Inspector).

Premises	No. of Premises	No. of Inspections	No. of Notices	Prosecuted
(i) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 & 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	15	15	—	—
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	79	57	15	—
(iii) Other Premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding outworkers premises)	—	—	—	—
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>94</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>—</b>

## (2) CASES IN WHICH DEFECTS WERE FOUND

Particulars	Number of cases in which defects were found			
	Found	Remedied	Referred To H.M. Inspector	By H.M. Inspector
Want of cleanliness (S.1)	—	—	—	—
Overcrowding (S.2)	—	—	—	—
Unreasonable temperature (S.3)	—	—	—	—
Inadequate ventilation (S.4)	—	—	—	—
Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6)	—	—	—	—
Sanitary Conveniences (S.7)				
(a) Insufficient	4	4	—	4
(b) Unsuitable or defective	4	4	—	4
(c) Not separate for sexes	—	—	—	—
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to Outwork)	—	—	—	—
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>8</b>



# MANGOTSFIELD U.D.C.

The following table is submitted by the instructions of the Ministry of Labour and National Service as required by Section 128(3) of the Factories Act 1937 Part I & VIII.

(1) Inspections for the purpose of provision as to health (including inspections made by the Public Health Inspector).

Premises	No. of Premises	No. of Inspections	No. of Notices	Prosecuted
(i) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 & 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	11	9	—	—
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	39	29	3	—
(iii) Other Premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding outworkers premises)	—	—	—	—
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>—</b>

## (2) CASES IN WHICH DEFECTS WERE FOUND

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	Found	Remedied	Referred To H.M. Inspector	By H.M. Inspector
Want of cleanliness (S.1)	2	2	—	—
Overcrowding (S.2)	—	—	—	—
Unreasonable temperature (S.3)	—	—	—	—
Inadequate ventilation (S.4)	—	—	—	—
Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6)	—	—	—	—
Sanitary Conveniences (S.7)				
(a) Insufficient	—	—	—	—
(b) Unsuitable or defective	4	4	—	—
(c) Not separate for sexes	—	—	—	—
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to Outwork)	—	—	—	—
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>

## RAINFALL.

The following gives the rainfall details for 1956 as registered by the Kingswood guage of the West Gloucestershire Water Company.

January	3.86	May	0.48	September	2.73
February	0.26	June	2.26	October	1.38
March	0.64	July	2.33	November	0.81
April	1.37	August	4.55	December	3.99

The total number of supplies connected to the Company's main in each parish at 31st December, 1956 was as under :

under :	METERED.		UNMETERED		TOTAL.	
Parish	Connections	Cesspools	Pails	Houses	Factories	
Kingswood U.D.		182		6,458		6,640
Mangotsfield U.D.		105		6,892		6,997
Sodbury R.D. :						
Acton Turville		13		85		98
Alderley		2		—		2
Chipping Sodbury		30		432		462
Dodington		49		58		107
Doynton		23		79		102
Dyrham & Hinton		14		6		20
Filton		76		3,664		3,740
Frampton Cotterell		48		835		883
Great Badminton		20		102		122
Hawkesbury		36		43		79
Horton		33		39		72
Iron Acton		36		246		282
Little Sodbury		13		13		26
Marshfield		29		289		318
Old Sodbury		82		349		431
Pucklechurch		47		303		350
Stoke Gifford		55		713		768
Tormarton		35		66		101
Westerleigh		71		478		549
Wick & Abson		39		299		338
Wickwar		42		222		264
Winterbourne		94		1,257		1,351
Yate		74		930		1,004
West Littleton		9		11		20
Warmley R.D. :						
Bitton		84		893		977
Hanham Abbots		38		545		583
Mangotsfield Rural		32		567		599
Oldland		40		1,345		1,385
Siston		75		514		589
		1,526		27,733		29,259

The metered supplies include farms, hotels and other business premises, also factories, cattle troughs, etc.

## WATER SUPPLIES. SODBURY RURAL DISTRICT

With the exception of Hawkesbury Parish the water supply to the district is furnished by the West Gloucestershire Water Company.

The bacteriological quality of the supply is good but it is nevertheless subject to chlorination. It is regrettable that the hardness figure is rather high; a recent independent sample gave the following results :-

### INDEPENDENT WATER SAMPLE.

Report on a sample of water received from the Sodbury R.D.C. on the 5th December 1956, taken by the Chief Public Health Inspector.

Source tap, Tyler's Green Farm, Horton. (*West Gloucestershire Water Company Mains Supply*)

Physical Characters: Clear, Bright, colourless, no odour.

No charring, slight odour on igniting solids.

<i>This sample contains</i>	<i>Parts per million</i>	REMARKS
Total solids	397	
Loss on ignition	34	
Mineral matter	363	
Alkalinity as CaCO <sub>3</sub>	—	
Total hardness	250	
(a) Permanent	33	
(b) Temporary	217	
Chlorine as chloride	45	
Nitrogen as saline and free Ammonia	0.01	Chemically satisfactory
Nitrogen as Albuminoid Ammonia	0.01	
Nitrogen as Nitrates	0.20	
Nitrogen as Nitrites	—	
Oxygen absorbed from Permanganate (4 hrs. at 80° F.)	—	
Poisonous metals   Zinc (Zn) very slight trace		
Free Carbon Dioxide	—	
Silica (SiO <sub>2</sub> )	—	
Residual Chlorine	0.05	
Sediment	—	

*Signed, E. G. Whittle,  
Public Analyst*

### BACTERIOLOGICAL EXAMINATION.

Number of colonies per ml. of  
original water

Developing at 37°C. 10

Developing at 20 - 22°C. 6

Probable number of Coli-Aerogenes  
organisms per 100 ml. of original water 0

Faecal B coli type 1 absent. 0



#### COLD ASHTON.

A scheme for the laying of 3" and 4" water mains to serve the village of Cold Ashton and the hamlets of Pennsylvania and Nimlett, has been approved by the Ministry of Housing and Local Government.

The estimated cost is £17,884 and the work will be carried out by the West Gloucestershire Water Company subject to payment by the Council of a non-refundable capital deficiency contribution of £12,177.

#### DYRHAM AND HINTON.

The village of Dyrham is at present served by a private estates supply which is inadequate and a scheme suggested by the West Gloucestershire Water Company for the laying of approximately 3,300 yards of 3" and 4" main at an estimated cost of £8,651, has been considered by the Council.

Approval of the scheme is subject to satisfactory arrangements being agreed with owners of properties to be served as to contributions.

#### IRON ACTON.

By a joint agreement with the Thornbury Rural District Council a scheme for the laying of approximately 1,770 yards of 4" main along the Wotton Road at Iron Acton, has been approved by the Minister of Housing and Local Government.

This extension, estimated to cost £5000, will enable the West Gloucestershire Water Company to supply the Parish of Rangeworthy in Thornbury R.D.C's. area and later, the hamlet of Bagstone on the northern boundary of Rangeworthy parish in this district.

#### HAWKESBURY WATER SUPPLY.

The Council's pumping station at Kilcot Valley has functioned satisfactorily during the year under review and new connections have been made both to farms and domestic premises.

The average daily consumption has been 56,925 gallons with a total of 20,832,740 gallons for the year as against 23,940,790 gallons last year, a decrease of 12.9%.

The maximum rest level of the water in the well is 15' but due to prolonged dry spells in the first half of the year and the latter half of 1955 this fell to an average depth of 8'.

Although sterile samples of water have been obtained from the well, the water is chlorinated as a precautionary measure, the residual chlorine being 0.1 parts per million in the output water.

The total number of connections at the year end was as follows :-

Domestic connections 31st December 1956	173
Metered connections 31st December 1956	52
Standpipes	24
Total	<u>249</u>

Regular routine sampling of the water is undertaken both direct from the well and from various points on the supply system. The result of one such sample is shown hereunder.

No action has been necessary in respect of any contamination other than the routine flushings of the dead ends. Several bursts were repaired during the year but there was no interruption of supplies.

Sample taken from Kilcot Valley Pumping Station on the 20th November, 1956.

Physical characteristics: Clear, Bright, colourless, No odour, small amount of suspended matter.

Reaction pH7.6

No charring or odour on ignition of solids.

	<i>all results in parts per million.</i>	REMARKS
Total Solids	302	
Loss on ignition	19	
Mineral matter	283	
Alkalinity (as CaCO <sub>3</sub> )	—	
Total hardness	264	
(a) Permanent	60	
(b) Temporary	204	
Chlorine (as chloride)	13	Satisfactory
Nitrogen as Albuminoid Ammonia	Nil	
Nitrogen as saline and free Ammonia	Nil	
Nitrogen as Nitrates	0.13	
Nitrogen as Nitrites	Nil	
Oxygen absorbed from Permanganate (4 hrs. at 80°F.)	—	
Poisonous metals	—	
Free Carbon Dioxide	—	
Silica (SiO <sub>2</sub> )	—	
Residual Chlorine	—	
Sediment	—	
<i>Signed, E. G. Whittle, Public Analyst.</i>		

BACTERIOLOGICAL EXAMINATION.

Number of colonies per ml. of original water.		
Developing at 37°C.	0	Satisfactory
Developing at 20 - 22°C.	13	
Probable number of Coli-Aerogenes organisms per 100 ml. of original water	0	
Faecal B Coli type 1 absent.		

# WARMLEY RURAL DISTRICT

## WATER SAMPLES AND SUPPLIES.

During the year 23 samples of water were taken, 14 being subjected to Bacteriological test and 9 to Chemical Analysis.

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Report on Sample of Water No. G.C.45.

Received on 12th June, 1956.

from L. J. Prosser, (Warmley R.D.C.)

Source: Spring, Beach, Nr. Bitton.

Physical Characters: Colourless. No odour. Suspended matter.

Reaction pH 7.8

Slight charring but no odour on igniting solids.

	<i>parts per million</i>	REMARKS
Dissolved Solids	322	
Loss on ignition	8	
Mineral Matter	314	
Alkalinity (as CaCO <sub>3</sub> )		
Total Hardness	280	
(a) Permanent	66	
(b) Temporary	214	
Chlorine (as Chloride)	10	Chemically satisfactory apart from the suspended matter and the somewhat high nitrate figure.
Nitrogen as saline and free Ammonia	0.07	
Nitrogen as Albuminoid Ammonia	0.09	
Nitrogen as Nitrates	0.29	
Nitrogen as Nitrites	0.07	
Oxygen absorbed from Permanganate (4 hrs. at 80°F.)		
Poisonous Metals	Nil	
Free Carbon Dioxide	—	
Silica (SiO <sub>2</sub> )	—	
Residual Chlorine	—	
Suspended solids	2	

*Signed E. G. Whittle,  
Public Analyst.*

### BACTERIOLOGICAL EXAMINATION. PHM. 849

Number of colonies per ml. of original water

Developing at 37°C. 20

Developing at 20 - 22°C. 865

Satisfactory

Probable number of Coli-Aeorgenes organisms per 100 ml. of original water 0

Faecal B coli type 1 absent

Date 18th June, 1956.

*Signed Senior Bacteriologist*



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Report on Sample of Water No. G.C.3.

Received on 16th January, 1956

from L. J. Prosser (Warmley R.D.C.)

Source: West Gloucestershire mains supply, taken from No. 1, Rodway Hill, Mangotsfield.

Physical Character: Clear, bright. colourless, no odour.

Reaction pH 7.8

No charring or odour on igniting solids.

	<i>Parts per Million</i>	REMARKS
Total Solids	286	
Loss on ignition	12	
Mineral Matter	274	
Alkalinity (as CaCO <sub>3</sub> )		
Total Hardness	216	
(a) Permanent	47	
(b) Temporary	169	
Chlorine (as Chloride)	21	
Nitrogen as saline and free Ammonia	Nil	
Nitrogen as Albuminoid Ammonia	0.02	
Nitrogen as Nitrates	1.44	
Nitrogen as Nitrites	0.01	
Oxygen absorbed from Permanganate (4 hrs. at 80°F.)		
Poisonous Metals	Nil	
Free Carbon Dioxide		
Silica (SiO <sub>2</sub> )		
Residual Chlorine	0.03	
Sediment		

26th January, 1956

*Signed, E. G. Whittle,*  
*Public Analyst.*

KINGSWOOD URBAN DISTRICT  
WATER SUPPLIES

A few complaints of discoloration in the public supply were passed to the West Gloucestershire Water Company for attention. The Company is aware of the cause and hope to relieve the position when they are able to take water from the Chew Reservoir of the Bristol Water Company.

## DRAINAGE AND SEWAGE.

### SODBURY RURAL DISTRICT

#### WICK SEWERAGE SCHEME (Contract No. 1.)

This contract comprises the laying of some 2,000 yards of sewer and the construction of a sewage works to serve part of the village of Wick. The approximate cost was £15,500 and the work, commenced in March 1955, was finally completed in May, 1956.

#### WICK SEWERAGE SCHEME (Contract No. 2)

This contract of approximately £27,000 was commenced in August 1956 and has a contract period of 12 months providing for the laying of 3,000 yards of drainage work and also the construction of additional units at the disposal works. At the close of the year 1956 about 80% of the sewers had been laid and more than half the house connections made. Work had commenced on the additional units on the sewage disposal works site.

#### EXISTING WORKS.

Apart from some difficulty experienced at the Marshfield and Nibley works with sludge, all the Sewage works have functioned satisfactorily during the year under review. Routine samples of final effluent, with very few exceptions, come up to the standards required.

In order to cope with the sludge drying difficulties the sludge bed areas are to be increased at Marshfield and it is proposed to construct sludge digestion tanks at Nibley.

#### STORM WATER SEWER, SOUTHMEAD ROAD, FILTON.

The Council have agreed to the construction of a surface water sewer in order to relieve the flood conditions occasioned by the surcharge of the foul sewers during periods of heavy rainfall. These conditions have been further aggravated by the new development on the south side of the affected area.

The estimated cost of this storm water sewer is about £9,800.

## WARMLEY RURAL DISTRICT.

### DRAINAGE AND SEWERAGE.

#### DETAILS OF CONNECTION OF EXISTING HOUSES ONLY TO PUBLIC SEWER.

Parish	Connections to sewer	Cesspools, etc.	Pails, etc.	Houses affected	Factories
Bitton	54	30	24	54	—
Oldland	1	1	—	1	—
Siston	1	—	1	1	—
TOTAL	56	31	25	56	—

## KINGSWOOD URBAN DISTRICT SEWERAGE AND DRAINAGE.

There has been a continuation of private and council building development necessitating the sewerage of sites. Other than this, there has been no major extension to the sewerage of the district.

The position created at Conham Sewage Works due to overloading gave cause for some concern. The Joint Sewerage Committee has had under consideration the need for extensions, but in view of long-term sewerage developments in the City of Bristol, which include proposals ultimately to take crude sewage from Kingswood and Warmley into the City's sewerage system, it is not likely the capital expenditure on works extension will be permitted.

## SODBURY RURAL DISTRICT MEAT INSPECTION.

There are at the present time ten slaughterhouses in the area, of which two are used daily, six used two or three times a week, with the other two being used for occasional slaughter. The licences issued on de-control remain in force until June 30th 1957.

The provisions of Public Health (Meat) Regulations 1924(8[i]) are strictly adhered to, all carcasses and offals are inspected before release.

All condemned meat and edible offals are coloured with acid green before disposal to licensed traders.

Routine inspection of slaughterhouses, lairages and premises together with equipment is carried out to ensure that they are suitably kept and maintained.

Once again the staff of The Preventive Medicine Department has given valuable advice both on meat inspection and problems connected with unsound foods generally.

The information on post mortem inspections of animal carcasses is given in tabular form.



APPENDIX CARCASSES AND OFFAL INSPECTED AND CONDEMNED IN WHOLE OR IN PART.

	Cattle excluding cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs	Horses
Number killed (if known)	1093	146	1324	5993	2436	—
Number inspected	1093	146	1324	5993	2436	—
ALL DISEASES						
EXCEPT TUBERCULOSIS AND CYSTICERCI						
Whole carcasses condemned	2	3	3	9	5	—
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned.	126	50	1	63	51	—
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than tuberculosis and cysticerci.	11.71%	36.4%	0.30%	0.12%	0.23%	—
TUBERCULOSIS ONLY.						
Whole carcasses condemned	1	1	—	—	1	—
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned.	13	10	—	—	15	—
Percentage of the number inspected affected with tuberculosis	1.28%	7.53%	—	—	0.65%	—
CYSTICERCOSIS.						
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned.	1	—	—	—	—	—
Carcasses submitted to treatment by refrigeration.	1	—	—	—	—	—
Generalised and totally condemned.	—	—	—	—	—	—

During the past twelve months the total amounts of both meat and other foods condemned is as follows :-

FRESH MEAT CONDEMNED	WEIGHTS
With Tuberculosis	2821 lb.
With Cysticercosis	30 lb.
With other disease	4603 lb.
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	7454 lb.
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The total numbers of animals inspected was 10,992 and while this was greater than last year's figure the amounts of meat found to be unfit were less. Whilst the incidence of tuberculosis and other diseases in cows, was greater than last year there was a decline in other cattle.

## WARMLEY RURAL DISTRICT

### MEAT INSPECTION.

There are three slaughterhouses in the Area. Special attention was made during the examination of Bovine Carcase during the year for *Cystocercus Bovis*, and only four cases were found, the heart only being infected.

### CARCASES INSPECTED.

	Beef.	Sheep.	Calves.	Pigs.	Total
Number Killed	2952.....	8799	1930	8601	22282
Number Inspected	2952	8799	1930	8601	22282

### CARCASES CONDEMNED

	Cattle	Calves	Sheep	Pigs
<i>All diseases Except Tuberculosis</i>				
(a) Whole Carcases Condemned	4	—	2	1
(b) Part of Carcases of which some part of the organ was condemned	38	—	272	27
(c) Percentage of the number of carcasses inspected affected with disease other than Tuberculosis	1.42	—	3.11	0.33
<i>Tuberculosis only</i>				
(a) Whole Carcases Condemned	10	2	—	3
(b) Carcases of which some part of organ was condemned.	238	1	—	78
(c) Percentage of the number of carcasses inspected affected with Tuberculosis	8.40	0.16	—	0.94

# CONDEMNED FOODS REGISTER.

Meat (Tuberculosis)	16,827 lb.
Meat (Other Diseases)	3,783 lb.
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	20,610 lb.
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## KINGSWOOD URBAN DISTRICT

### MEAT INSPECTION.

VISITS TO SLAUGHTERHOUSES. 112.

Only one slaughterhouse is in use.

ANIMALS INSPECTED TOTAL 1358.

Cows.	Heifers.	Bullocks.	Calves.	Pigs.	Sheep.
99	180	189	2	5	883

### MEAT CONFISCATED.

#### *Non-tuberculosis*

	Cattle	Calves	Sheep	Pigs
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned.	24	—	2	37
Whole carcases	—	—	2	—

#### *Tuberculosis.*

Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned.	6	—	—	—
Whole carcases	1	—	—	—
Cysticercosis Organs	3	—	—	—

## MANGOTSFIELD URBAN DISTRICT.

### MEAT INSPECTION

One further private slaughter house was licensed during the year but so far it has not been extensively used.

Beasts.	Calves	Sheep	Pigs
370	915	644	4662

### THE NUMBER OF CARCASES CONDEMNED.

Beast 5. Calves 10. Pigs 5

The following table gives details of diseases found in the whole carcases condemned:

Beasts—Generalized Tuberculosis	2
Severe and extensive bruising	3
Pigs—Generalized Tuberculosis	3
Swine Erysipelas	2



## SODBURY RURAL DISTRICT

### FOOD HYGIENE REGULATIONS 1955 - 1956.

During the year a great deal of attention has been given to the inspection of all food premises in the area to ensure compliance with the new regulations.

In order that all traders within the district could be made fully aware of their responsibility and also an opportunity to discuss their problems arising from the introduction of the new regulations, it was felt that the initial approach should be through a series of meetings.

Four such meetings were held at different venues to cover the whole of the district. Response was excellent, film shows were given in addition to talks leading to discussions on the subject, with particular reference to personal cleanliness.

Full scale inspections were started in April and it was pleasing to note that despite the fairly high standards of Hygiene that had prevailed in the past, traders were anxious to co-operate still more with the department in order to further improve their standards.

One small cafe was, however, found to be below the general standard demanded by the new regulations and in view of the structural alterations required to comply with them the proprietor decided to voluntarily close the premises.

It is interesting to note that only one case of food poisoning was notified during the year under review.

#### FOODS CONDEMNED.

Tinned Meats 86 tins (521 lb.)	Flour	280 lb.
Tinned Milk 3 tins	Imported meats	22 lb.
Tinned Vegetables 7 tins	Butter	6,720 lb.
Tinned Fruits 2646 tins		

#### NUMBER OF FOOD PREMISES.

28 Butchers Shops.
7 Wet Fish Shops.
123 Grocers Shops
17 Restaurant Kitchens
11 Bakehouses
8 Fried Fish Shops

#### FOOD AND DRUGS ACT REGISTRATIONS.

(a) Premises for sale of Ice Cream	110
(b) Butchers premises for sale of Preserved meats	9
(c) Milk and Dairies Registrations	
Number of Dairies	11

#### NUMBER OF INSPECTIONS MADE.

General	661
Slaughterhouses (Meat Inspection)	1440

# SODBURY RURAL DISTRICT

## SUMMARY OF PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTORS' VISITS AND NOTICES SERVED DURING 1956.

Dwelling houses with regard to defects. Housing Act 1936.

Inspections	534
Reinspections	287

Dwelling houses with regard to defects. Public Health Act 1936.

Inspections	336
Reinspections	212

Aircraft	1
Public Houses	5
Overcrowding	10
Infectious Diseases	45
Disinfecting Rooms	14
Public Conveniences	156
Sewers and Sewage Works	37
Under Food and Drugs Act	10
Butchers' Shops	8
Slaughterhouses	1440
Water Supplies	450
Mortuaries	4
Refuse Collection and Refuse Tips	252
Cesspools	2
Drains	272
Petroleum Acts	146
Factories Act	59
Moveable Dwellings	110
Wet Fish Shops	1
Restaurant Kitchens	20
Milk Distributors	27
Rodent Control Inspections	564
Rodent Control Reinspections	780
Shops	380
Bakehouses	39
Cinemas	1
Works in progress	84
Schools	46
Conversion of Privies	2
Food Inspection	179
Ice Cream Sample	1
Miscellaneous	386

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TOTAL 6900

## WARMLEY RURAL DISTRICT.

### FOOD.

#### FOOD PREMISES IN THE AREA.

General Provision Shops	24
Fish and Chip Shops	3
Sweet and Tobacco, etc. Shops	10
Butchers Shops	6
Bakehouse	1
Cafes	3
Slaughterhouses	3
Food Warehouse (Distribution)	1

Six Shops registered under Section 16 of the Food & Drugs Act.

3 Dairies.

#### NUMBER OF INSPECTIONS MADE

Slaughterhouses	551
Other Food Visits	21

Condemned meat from slaughterhouses is taken by licensed merchants in the City of Bristol.

All other Foods are buried in the Council Refuse Tip.

Regular inspections of Food Distribution Warehouses were made and the following weight of Food destroyed.

$49\frac{3}{4}$  cwts.

Quantities of Cheese, Sauces, Salad Creams etc., found to be unsound have been surrendered by one of the new warehouses recently erected in this District.

Cheese	22 cwts.
Salad Creams, Sauces, etc.	$27\frac{3}{4}$ cwts.

## WARMLEY RURAL DISTRICT.

### SUMMARY OF SANITARY INSPECTORS' VISITS AND NOTICES SERVED DURING 1956.

#### GENERAL SANITATION.

Water Supply	111
Drainage	360
Stables and Piggeries	2
Tents, Vans and Sheds	169
Factories	16
Refuse Collection	14
Refuse Disposal	21
Rats and Mice	730
Atmospheric Pollution	2
Schools	12
Miscellaneous Sanitary Visits	61
Meetings and Court Attendances	48
Petroleum	13



## HOUSING

Houses inspected and visited under the Public Health Acts.	39
Houses inspected and visited under the Housing Acts.	161
Houses inspected for Overcrowding	—
Verminous Premises	2

## INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

Inquiries in cases of Infectious Diseases	14
Miscellaneous Infectious Disease Visits	1

## MEAT AND FOOD INSPECTION.

Slaughterhouses	551
Other Premises	7
Canteens	3
Dairies and Milk Distributors	1
Greengrocers and Fruiterers	1
Milk Sampling	5
Miscellaneous Food Visits	8

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## SANITARY INSPECTION OF AREA.

Nuisances discovered or reported	6
Informal and Preliminary Notices sent	6
STATUTORY NOTICES SENT	3
Nuisances abated during the year	6
Summonses issued	—

## KINGSWOOD URBAN DISTRICT

### LIST OF FOOD PREMISES :

General Stores	66
Fish Friers	9
Canteens (schools, clubs and factories)	56
Licensed premises	25
Bakeries	10
Butchers	20
Cafes	6
Grocery	12
Greengrocery	15
Sweets and confectionery	17
Food factories	4

### REGISTERED PREMISES :

Sale of Ice-cream	80
Manufacturer of Ice-cream	1
Fish Friers	10
Meat Products	20
Milk and Dairies	25
(dealers and suppl. licence holders)	

Some forty premises were visited, which included 2/3 visits in most cases. In many cases notices for compliance with the Food Hygiene Regulations 1955 were served.

No Food Guilds have been formed in the area but opportunity is taken from time to time to lecture to discussion groups and food handlers on the importance of food hygiene.

Tinned goods are disposed of for animal feeding to reputable stockmen. Carcase meat is consigned to a Bristol refinery for conversion.

Three tons of chopped pork for pie-making was inspected and as a result it was returned to the consignor for animal feeding.

Most of the ice-cream sold in the area is heat-treated and pre-packed by national manufacturers. Only one person is registered for manufacture of ice-cream on his own premises.

Most of the larger food premises were inspected for compliance with new Food Hygiene Regulations and notices served as appropriate.

All premises were sent a circular letter and printed extracts of the Regulations.

## MANGOTSFIELD URBAN DISTRICT

### FOOD INSPECTION

There are 60 food premises in the area, 30 of which are registered for the sale of ice cream and 12 for the manufacture of sausages, etc., under the Food & Drugs Act, 1955. There are 2 Dairies carrying out pasturisation.

The disposal of condemned food is dealt with by the issue of voluntary surrender notes, and it has not been necessary to carry out formal seizure of any food during the year. Generally speaking the quantity of food stuffs unfit for human consumption has been very small. All food premises are regularly inspected and the terms of the Food Hygiene Regulations are being enforced where necessary. Lectures on Public Health have been given throughout the area to various organisations with particular reference to food hygiene.

### FOOD HYGIENE REGULATIONS 1955/56.

A digest of the regulations was printed and circulated to all food premises in the district. Generally, the majority of shops will be able to comply with the regulations at reasonable expense.

KINGSWOOD U.D.  
SUMMARY OF PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTORS VISITS

ITEM	INSPECTIONS	
	No.	Total c/f.
Accumulation	—	12
Animals kept	—	6
Bakehouses	—	16
Cleansing & Salvage	3	548
Dairies	—	1
Drainage—houses	—	620
Drainage—other	—	109
Dustbin	—	1500
Factories	—	57
Food premises	—	128
Houses dirty or verm.	—	31
Houses P.H.A.	—	60
Housing Insp.	—	235
Housing applicant I. & R.	1	158
Ice-cream premises	—	13
Other premises P.H.A.	—	4
Outworkers	—	—
Overcrowding	—	—
Petroleum	—	38
Piggeries	—	—
Rats and Mice	—	6
Schools	—	2
Shops	—	—
Slaughterhouses	—	112
Smoke observation	—	2
Sewers	—	87
Van Dwellings	—	20
Water Supply	—	—
Conv. Mortuary	1	89
Fumigation I.D.	—	—
Fumigation Verm.	—	—
I.D. Visits	—	313
Interviews	—	80
Meetings, Council, etc.	1	82
Milk Samples	—	25
Meat Inspections	2	112
Bullocks	—	189
Heifers	—	180
Cows	—	99
Calves	—	2
Sheep	12	883
Pigs	—	5
Water samples	—	1
Miscellaneous	13	292



## MANGOTSFIELD URBAN DISTRICT

### SUMMARY OF HEALTH INSPECTOR'S VISITS AND NOTICES SERVED DURING THE YEAR.

Water supply	4
Houses visited under the Public Health Acts.	220
Houses inspected and visited under the Housing Act.	180
Miscellaneous Visits	203
Bakeries	8
Factories	20
Rats and Mice	1150
<i>(including visits by the Rodent operator)</i>	
Shops	62
Smoke Nuisances	60
Moveable Dwellings	30
Food Premises	20
Slaughterhouses	740
Infectious diseases	26
Improvement grant	98
Council and other Meetings	49

## SODBURY RURAL DISTRICT

### CAMPING SITES, PUBLIC HEALTH ACT, 1936. SECTION 269.

There is one licensed site in the area, this is situated at Greenacres, Coalpit Heath and accommodates 45 caravans. It has been maintained and supervised in a reasonable manner and has not given rise to any complaints either from the occupants of the caravans or neighbouring residents.

During the course of the year 12 new applications were received for individual licences to station and use caravans, this was a decrease of one compared with last year. Twenty licencees did not wish to renew their licences having acquired a house or left the district.

The total number of caravans in the district now is 83 as against 91 for last year (1955)

An application for development of a site to station 200 caravans was refused by the Town Planning Authority.

## WARMLEY RURAL DISTRICT.

### CAMPING SITES.

The licensed site at Blackhorse Lane, Mangotsfield has been vacated during the year to allow building to proceed on this new private estate.

Number of applications for Licences refused by the Local Authority	1
Prosecutions	—

## MANGOTSFIELD URBAN DISTRICT.

### CAMPING SITES.

No changes have been made during the year and the number of licensed sites used for camping purposes remains at three.

Two of these sites provide excellent permanent accomodation in disused quarry workings and are equipped with power, sanitary accomodation and water supply.

## SODBURY RURAL DISTRICT.

### HOUSING — UNFIT HOUSES PROGRAMME.

Good progress has been maintained in the Council's Unfit Houses programme and during the year under review two clearance areas, comprising 10 houses in all, were made and orders confirmed by the Ministry. In one area the site has been cleared and demolition of the houses is about to commence in the other.

A third Clearance Area comprising seven houses was made and an order submitted to the Ministry. An inquiry is now awaited.

Reports were made in respect of 29 individual unfit houses under Section 11 of the Housing Act 1936. Hereunder are details of action taken during the year in the various parishes, and under this section :

	No. of houses
Parish of Frampton Cotterell	1
Parish of Hawkesbury	4
Parish of Winterbourne	3
Parish of Wickwar	5
Parish of Westerleigh	5
Parish of Yate	6
Parish of Old Sodbury	1
Parish of Chipping Sodbury	1
Parish of Pucklechurch	2
Parish of Iron Acton	1
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TOTAL	29
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## SUMMARY

Number of Houses in Clearance Areas where Orders confirmed	10
Number of Houses in Clearance Areas awaiting confirmation after enquiry	7
Number of Houses subject to Demolition Orders	20
Number of Houses subject to Closing Orders	1
Number of Houses where Undertakings were accepted	5
Number of Houses where Owners submitted proposals accepted by Council.	3
Number of Houses actually demolished during the year	7
Number of families rehoused during the year from Unfit Houses subject to formal action.	14

## WARMLEY RURAL DISTRICT

### HOUSING.

#### HOUSES NOT INCLUDED IN CLEARANCE AREAS

DEMOLITION AND CLOSING ORDERS.	NO. OF HOUSES
1. (a) Houses demolished as a result of formal or informal procedure under Section II.	9
(b) Houses closed in pursuance of an under- taking given by the owners under Section II and still in force.	3
(c) Parts of Buildings Closed (Section 12)	—
2. HOUSING ACT, 1939.	
(a) Closing Orders made under Section 3(1)	—
(b) Demolition Orders determined and Closing Orders substituted under Section 3(2)	—
3. LOCAL GOVERNMENT (Miscellaneous Provisions) ACT, 1953. Closing Order made under Section 10(1)	—
4. INFORMAL ACTION	
Number of unfit or defective houses rendered fit during the year as a result of informal action by the Local Authority under the Public Health or Housing Acts.	15
5. HOUSING REPAIRS AND RENTS ACT, 1954.	
No. of Certificates of disrepair issued	—
No. of Revocation Certificates issued.	—

### NEW HOUSES ERECTED.

(a) Total number erected during year.	
Council	232
Private Enterprise	223
Number of houses under Construction but not completed at the end of the year.	
Council	100
Private Enterprise	113
(b) New houses erected during the year with State assistance under the Housing Act	—



## IMPROVEMENT GRANTS.

Number of applications received during the year	25
Number of Applications approved.	24
Total amount paid to applicants during the year.	£3,709.10.0d.

## KINGSWOOD URBAN DISTRICT.

### HOUSING.

#### (a) NEW HOUSES.

There was a continuation of private building on a fairly large scale; most of the remaining available building land being brought into use. Main areas of development were at Chip-house Road, Champion Lane/Pound Rd., Charn Hill, Woodstock, Memorial Road, Hanham and Mount Hill/Hollyguest Road, Altogether 210 new houses were built.

The Council also built 25 houses on sites at Tudor Road, Hanham and Chipperfield Drive.

#### (b) CLEARANCE OF UNFIT DWELLINGS.

Towards the end of the year a start was made to deal with the 1956 programme under the Housing Survey. Seven official Representations were made to Council covering nineteen dwellings. The Orders were submitted for confirmation in December, 1956. Seventeen individual unfit houses were also dealt with either by demolition orders or acceptance of undertakings.

Eleven houses were demolished. Nine families totalling 34 persons were displaced. Fifty-six houses were repaired under the Public Health or Housing Acts.

## MANGOTSFIELD URBAN DISTRICT.

### HOUSING.

The clearance of unfit property under the 5 year programme has been so far solved by way of Demolition Orders.

## SODBURY RURAL DISTRICT

### RAG FLOCK AND OTHER FILLING MATERIALS ACT, 1951.

The number of premises in the district subject to the provisions of the above Act is two, one being licensed as a manufacturer and the other registered for the use of filling materials.

Periodical samples of rag flock were taken from the manufacturer's premises and in each the analyst reports showed that the materials satisfied the prescribed tests.

## WARMLEY RURAL DISTRICT.

### RAG FLOCK AND OTHER FILLING MATERIALS ACT, 1951.

There are two premises in the district which are subject to the above regulations, one being a licensed manufacturer of rag flock whilst the other is registered for the use of filling materials.

Regular samples of rag flock are taken from the manufacturer's premises and the Analyst's reports in each case show that the samples satisfy the prescribed tests.

#### RAG FLOCK ACTS.

Number of Licences for Manufacture, B.S.S. Certificated Factory.	1
Number of Factories Licensed for use of filling material.	2

## SODBURY RURAL DISTRICT

### RODENT CONTROL.

#### PREVENTION OF DAMAGE BY PESTS ACT, 1949

A full time Rodent Inspector/Operator is employed by the Council and the following table gives a summary of work carried out.

All sewer systems and sewage works are test baited at least twice a year on a 10% basis and when any infestations are recorded the appropriate treatments carried out. Only twenty four sewer infestations were found and these were successfully dealt with and the system cleared.

	Inspected	Treated	Clear
Local Authority Property ( <i>Refuse Tips, Sewerage Works, etc.</i> )	31	16	15
Dwelling Houses and			
Business Premises	311	204	Clear or Self Treated 107
Agricultural Holdings	25	13	Reported G.A.E.C. 12
Total Visits and revisits	1344		

## WARMLEY RURAL DISTRICT

### RATS AND MICE.

The Council employ one Rodent Operator on this work during the year, and the following visits were made :-

Number of visits including re-visits made	710
Number of properties inspected	144
Rat infestations of properties found	63
Mice infestations of properties found	13
Treatment carried out by the Local Authority	76

The Council's Rodent Operator was away on sick leave for several months during the year and inspections and treatment was carried out to 37 premises by the Sodbury R.D.C. This number has not been included in the above figures.

The Council carry out the treatment to dwelling houses in the district free, but a charge is made for all Business Premises.

Sewer baiting was carried out during the year, and where infestations were found poison was laid. New drainage work in the area is being checked to eliminate any infestation that may have occurred during construction and before the drains are sealed.

## KINGSWOOD URBAN DISTRICT.

### RODENT CONTROL.

A full-time operator is engaged in rodent control on surface infestations and sewer treatment. Special attention is paid to sites providing high risk such as the Council's refuse tips and waste paper store. Permanent baiting points are set up and very little infestation from the occasional marauder is found to exist.

## MANGOTSFIELD URBAN DISTRICT.

### PEST CONTROL.

The position with regard to infestation by rats and mice is satisfactory throughout the District. No major infestation occurred during the year under review.

The sewers were baited twice during the year and poison baits were laid where infestations occurred.

## NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT, 1948 (SECTION 47)

It was not necessary to seek powers via the courts for removal of aged persons under Section 47 of the National Assistance Act, 1948 as amended by the National Assistance Amendment Act, 1951. The advantages of assistance by the Home Help Service and visits by the Health Visitors have contributed in avoiding such extreme action when it might otherwise have been necessary.



## DUTIES AS DIVISIONAL MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

The following notes indicate some of the work covered by the Southern Area Sub-Committee of the Gloucestershire County Council Health Committee.

### CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMITTEE

Miss Ida A. TIDDER

VICE-CHAIRMAN: Mrs. E. A. Griffiths

### COUNTY COUNCIL MEMBERS.

Mrs. W. R. Humphrey, Major E. E. Mealing, Mr. H. Pilkington, M.B.E.,  
Mr. H. Rogers, Mr. R. K. Stone, Miss I. A. Tidder.

### DISTRICT COUNCIL MEMBERS.

#### SODBURY RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL.

Mr. G. Brook, Mr. I. Collins, Mrs. M. James,  
Mrs. M. J. Sweatman, Mrs. B. Walker.

#### WARMLEY RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL. ...

Mr. J. Beese, Mr. C. H. Markham, Dr. R. W. Orton.

#### MANGOTSFIELD URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

Mrs. L. F. Crook, Mrs. E. F. Hopes, Mr. P. H. Walker.

#### KINGSWOOD URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

Mr. L. H. Birchley, Mr. D. Evans, Mrs. E. A. Griffiths.

### CO-OPTED MEMBERS.

Mrs. E. J. Maitland-Webb  
(Federation of Child Welfare Centres, Glos.)

Mrs. E. Singleton (County Nursing Association)

Mrs. D. M. Westaway  
(Filton & District Tuberculosis After-Care Committee)

## CLINICS IN THE AREA.

FILTON (Shield's Road, Northville)

Ante-natal, dental, speech therapy, orthopaedic,  
eye-clinic, child guidance, welfare foods.

HAMBROOK (White's Hill)

Dental, eye-clinic.

SOUNDWELL (Soundwell Road, Kingswood)

Ante-natal, minor ailments, orthopaedic, eye-clinic.

MORLEY ROAD (Soundwell, Staple Hill)

Child guidance, speech therapy, dental.

KINGSWOOD DENTAL CLINIC.

(Divisional Health Office, High Street, Kingswood)

RIDGWOOD (Chipping Sodbury)

Dental, ante-natal, eye-clinic.

DAY NURSERY, ENMORE HOUSE, Court Road, Kingswood,  
Bristol.

## CHILD WELFARE CENTRES

HAMBROOK, Frenchay & Winterbourne Down.

Hambrook Clinic, White's Hill, Hambrook. 2.0 p.m.  
EVERY MONDAY.

MADE-FOR-EVER (Kingswood)

Anchor Road Chapel, Kingswood, 2.0 p.m. 2nd and  
4th MONDAYS in the month.

CHIPPING SODBURY.

County Infirmary, Yate. 1st and 3rd TUESDAYS in  
the month. 2.0 p.m.

WARMLEY

Oldland Church Hall, High Street, Oldland 2.0p.m.  
1st and 3rd TUESDAYS in the month.

SOUNDWELL

Soundwell Clinic, Soundwell Road, Kingswood.  
2.0 p.m. EVERY TUESDAY.

DOWNEND

Foster Memorial Hall, Salisbury Road, Downend.  
2.0 p.m. EVERY TUESDAY.

KINGSWOOD

Wesley Church Hall, Blackhorse Road, Kingswood.  
2.0 p.m. EVERY WEDNESDAY.

## PUCKLECHURCH

The Miner's Institute, Pucklechurch. 2.30 p.m. 2nd and 4th WEDNESDAYS in the month.

## COALPIT HEATH AND FRAMPTON COTTERELL

Wesley Church Hall, Church Road, Frampton Cotterell. 2.0 p.m. 2nd and 4th WEDNESDAYS in the month.

## BADMINTON

Memorial Hall, Badminton. 2.0 p.m. 1st and 3rd WEDNESDAYS in the month.

## FILTON

Filton Clinic, Shield's Road, Northville. 2.0 p.m. EVERY TUESDAY and THURSDAY.

## YATE

Methodist Church Hall, Moorland Road, Yate. 2.0 p.m. 1st and 3rd THURSDAYS in the month.

## MANGOTSFIELD

Village Hut, Mangotsfield. 2.30 p.m. ALTERNATE THURSDAYS.

## HANHAM

Folk Centre, High Street, Hanham .2.0 p.m. EVERY FRIDAY.

## MARSHFIELD

Church Hall, Marshfield. 2.30 p.m. ALTERNATE FRIDAYS.

## MOBILE CHILD WELFARE CENTRES.

A Mobile Unit is now in operation for Child Welfare Centres in isolated districts and where Hall accommodation is unsatisfactory. The Unit operates as follows.

## WICKWAR

2.0 p.m. Every 3rd MONDAY in the month.

## LITTLE-STOKE.

2.30 p.m. 1st or 3rd TUESDAYS in the month.

## IRON ACTON

10.30 p.m. 1st WEDNESDAY in the month.

## WINTERBOURNE

3.0 p.m. 1st or 3rd WEDNESDAYS in the month.

## PARK WALL, CADBURY HEATH.

10.30 a.m. 1st and 3rd THURSDAYS in the month.

## WESTERLEIGH

2.30p.m. 1st FRIDAY in the month.



## MASS RADIOGRAPHY SERVICE.

As in previous years, the Mass Radiography Unit was stationed at Soundwell Clinic and during the three days it operated in October, the response was very gratifying. Each afternoon and evening Open Sessions were arranged for members of the general public. Special sessions were booked for senior school-children and school leavers, and groups such as the Home Helps.

In November, the Unit was stationed at a factory in Yate, and again evening sessions were available for members of the general public who took advantage of this opportunity.

## HOME HELP SERVICE.

The request for this Service continues to grow. The greatest proportion of cases is with the aged and chronic sick, but maternity and general sickness cases are also covered.

By the end of the year, 322 families were being helped weekly, of these 270 were Chronic Sick, Old Age or Tuberculous patients.

Applications for assistance should be made to the Home Help Organisers at the Divisional Health Office, High Street, Kingswood. Telephone number Bristol 67-3052. The Service is not free, but the County Council have determined a scale of charges depending upon income and no charge is made to those who are at the bottom of the income group.

## VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS IN SOUTH GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

The following is a list of some of the Voluntary Bodies working in South Gloucestershire.

### TUBERCULOSIS AFTER-CARE COMMITTEES.

(1) FILTON AND DISTRICT.

Secretary, Mrs. Darney, 694 Southmead Rd., Filton, Bristol.

(2) SOUNDWELL AND DISTRICT.

Secretary, Mrs. Hayden, "Woburn", 98, Sweets Road,  
Kingswood, Bristol.

(3) SODBURY AND DISTRICT.

Secretary, Mrs. Champion, Box Hedge Villa,  
Badminton Road, Old Sodbury, Glos.

### FILTON AND DISTRICT.

This Committee had another very successful year and were able to spend £185 in their District helping tuberculous patients, £61 of this being in the form of Xmas gifts.

## SOUNDWELL AND DISTRICT.

Another active year in the raising of funds was undertaken by the Soundwell & District Committee, the main sources of income being the sale of Xmas seals and regular whist drives.

## SODBURY AND DISTRICT.

This very energetic committee held bi-monthly meetings and were able to send patients on holiday this year as well as help them in rehabilitation and in numerous other ways.

## NATIONAL SOCIETY FOR THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO CHILDREN.

The Officers of this Society are very helpful in dealing with needy families and many parents are helped—young families are often provided with such essentials as beds, bedding and clothing for their children. Only on very rare occasions are their problems brought to court.

The local Officer is:

Inspector Glayzer, 15 Thingwall Park, Fishponds, Bristol.

## GLOUCESTERSHIRE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

SOUTH GLOUCESTERSHIRE COMMITTEE FOR THE CARE OF THE  
PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED.

Hon. Sec., Mrs. Russell Brain, "Romsdale", High Street,  
Kingswood, Bristol.

Meetings are held at the Kingswood Community  
Centre each month.

## "MEALS ON WHEELS" SERVICE.

About 25 meals are provided twice weekly to old persons who are housebound. These are taken round by private car but it would appear that there is room for expansion of the Service.

The Service is being organised by the local secretary of the W.V.S.  
Mrs. F. S. Wilkins, 27 Overnhill Road, Downend, Bristol.  
Tel.: 65-5752

## OLD PEOPLES' CLUBS AND ASSOCIATIONS IN THE DISTRICT.

The following is a list of Old Peoples' Clubs held in the District. The list has been prepared by the Area Officer for the Gloucestershire Community Council, Mr. H. P. Dow, whose local office is at 38, Horse Street, Chipping Sodbury.

<i>Place</i>	<i>Name of Club</i>	<i>Secretary or Correspondent</i>
Hanham	Hanham Senior Section	B. Lewis, Esq., 54 Grange Ave., Hanham
	Hanham Branch Old Age Pensions Association	Mrs. J. R. May, 16 Launceston Ave., Hanham
Kingswood	Kingswood Friendly Circle	Mrs. D. Parslow, 76 Sweets Rd., Kingswood.
	Kingswood Old Age Pensions Association	Mr. A. Peeling, c/o Community Centre, Kingswood.
Warmley	Warmley Old Age Pensions Association	Mr. S. S. Brain, 10 Deanery Rd., Warmley.
Staple Hill	Staple Hill Old People Circle	Mr. Mesom, Sailors Home, Queens Square, Bristol
	Staple Hill Old Age Pensions Association	R. K. Hibbs, 15 Graham Rd., Downend
Downend	Downend Old Age Pensions Association	Mrs. W. Davies, 15 Downend Road, Downend.
Coalpit Heath	Coalpit Heath Old Age Pensions Association	Mrs. Crewe, Coalpit Heath.
Yate	Friends & Neighbours	Mrs. A. Crooke, 20 Moordell Ave., Yate
Chipping Sodbury	Golden Age Club	Mrs. Evans, 12 High Street, Chipping Sodbury.
Filton	Filton Old Age Pensions Association	Mr. J. A. Bolton, 29 Cleeve Road, Filton.
Winterbourne	Winterbourne Old Age Pensions Association	Mrs. K. H. Laurie, 2 Chapel Cottages, Watneys End.
Iron Acton	Elizabethan Club	Mrs. K. O. Wathen, Hope Cottage, North Rd., Iron Acton
Cadbury Heath	Cadbury Heath, Oldland and Bitton Old Folks Club.	S. C. Firks, 31 Newton Rd., Cadbury Heath.
Mangotsfield	Mangotsfield Old Age Pensions Association	Miss M. Bennett, Glenside, Mangotsfield Rd., Mangotsfield.
Stoke Gifford	Eventide Association	Mr. I. Collins, 6 Harry Stoke Rd., Stoke Gifford.



<i>Day of Meeting</i>	<i>Place of Meeting</i>	<i>Remarks</i>
Sundays, - 5 p.m.	Hanham Folk Centre	The Centre is open for Old People all day.
Thursday - 5 p.m.	"Memory Hall" Creswicke Ave.	The Hall was opened last year. It is open to Old People from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.
Wednesday - 4.30 p.m.	Community Centre, Kingswood	Open to non-members. Chiropody Service to Old People Centre Open for Old People all day.
		Most members are also members of Kingswood Friendly Circle.
Thursday 3.30 - 4.30 p.m.	Community Centre, Warmley	Chiropody Service.
Sundays, 3.30 - 4.30 p.m.	Bethesda Chapel Schoolroom	
Monthly	Page Institute	
Alternate Wednesdays - 5 p.m.	New Enterprise Hall.	Chiropody by arrangement.
Alternate Thursdays	Bethel Chapel Schoolroom	
Wednesday - 5 p.m.	Y.M.C.A. Hall	
Sundays, 3.30 - 4.30 p.m.	W.I. Hall	
Thursday 3.30 - 5 p.m.	Filton Memorial Hall	
Alternate Wednesdays 3.30 - 4.0 p.m.	St. Michaels Rooms	
Thursday 3.30 p.m.	Alternatively at King William IV, Cadbury Heath and Bitton Church Hall.	
Tuesday		
Wednesday 3.30 p.m.	Poplar Hall, Stoke Gifford.	

## PARENTS CLUBS

### SOUNDWELL PARENTS CLUB.

Secretary, Mrs. Slocombe, 6 Sweets Rd., Kingswood, Bristol

Regular meetings were held at Soundwell Clinic, and educational talks and films on family life were shown.

### ENMORE HOUSE DAY NURSERY PARENTS CLUB.

Secretary, Mrs. Dwyer (Matron)

Although the numbers of children have been reduced, the parents club has continued its successful activities, including discussions with the local psychologist. The social activities were well supported and raised money for Xmas parties for the children.

### WARMLEY OCCUPATION CENTRE PARENTS CLUB.

Chairman, Mr. F. G. Britton (Superintendent)

This Club continues to be very well supported. The annual outing was successful as was also the Sale of Work of the various goods made by the children at the Centre. The Harvest Service was followed by a Supper and the sale of the produce helped to provide a very good Christmas party for the children.

### CHILD WELFARE CENTRES.

Almost all the Child Welfare Centres in the Area are administered by voluntary committees, the controlling body being the Gloucestershire Federation of Child Welfare Centres.

## BRITISH RED CROSS SOCIETY.

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#### MEDICAL LOAN DEPOTS.

Medical appliances and aids for nursing sick persons at home can be borrowed from the following depots:

STAPLE HILL. Page Institute, Soundwell Road, Staple Hill.

Tel.: 65-4025

OPEN: Mondays and Wednesdays 8.0 - 9.0 p.m.

Tuesdays and Fridays 2.30 - 4.0 p.m.

HEADQUARTERS 11 Tyndale Avenue, Bristol, 2.

OPEN: Mondays to Fridays 9.15 a.m. - 1.0 p.m.

2.0 p.m. - 5.0 p.m.







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